



Building for the Arts

Local Government Division

Capital facilities matching grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations.

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Program Overview

The Corporate Council for the Arts first proposed Building for the Arts in 1991 to coordinate the many requests the Legislature receives for state support of arts-related capital projects.

Key Initiatives

Building for the Arts awards state grants to performing arts, art museums, and cultural organizations to defray up to 20 percent of the cost of new facilities or major renovation projects; the remaining costs must be raised locally from non-state sources. The Department, with assistance from a citizen advisory board, conducts a competitive grant process every two years to solicit and select the best arts-related projects from throughout the state. The recommendations resulting from this screening process are submitted to the Governor and the Legislature for funding consideration. Examples of projects funded recently include:

- Seattle Art Museum Sculpture Park (Seattle);
- Orcas Center for Community and the Arts (Eastsound);
- Gallery One (Ellensburg);
- Children's Museum in Snohomish County (Everett);
- Broadway Center (Tacoma);
- Lincoln Theatre (Mount Vernon);
- Richland Players (Richland); and
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Longhouse (Kingston).

Achievements

To date, Building for the Arts has provided over \$40 million for 112 arts-related projects throughout the state. The state's investment in these local projects provides temporary construction jobs as well as permanent arts-related jobs and employment opportunities in businesses that support the new facilities.

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